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Inspection Report

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Date of Report: June 25, 2008

Mine Name: Torrey Red and Buff Quarries

Operator Name: State Stone

Permit number: S0550021

Inspection Date: May 12, 2008

Time: 4:30-4:45 PM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker

Other Participants: None

Mine Status: Active

Weather: Cloudy, 30s, windy,
rain and snow showers

Elements of Inspection

	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

This was a routine inspection at the red quarry. I did not go to the buff quarry.

Inspection Summary:

10. Revegetation

The loading/processing area was seeded in the fall of 2004, and despite a very wet winter and spring, there was little germination. The area still has little vegetation, not even weeds. This baffles me because the soil reports do not show any problems with the possible exception of texture: it is a clay loam. My suggestions are stated below.

I would like to get back to the buff quarry to see how vegetation is doing there.

12. Other

It appeared the operator has done some recent quarrying but not a lot.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator should try to reseed the processing/loading area again this fall. I would like to see the area left very rough to see if the increased water holding ability would increase the amount of germination and establishment.

Inspector's Signature

Keith MacKay

Date:

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cc: Keith MacKay, State Stone

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Photo 1. The processing area that was seeded in 2004.



Photo 3.



Photo 2. Photos 2-4 show various views of the quarry.



Photo 4.